New ARR Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members

As of July, 2010, Drs. Kaye Williams (left), Rhona Anderson (centre) and Marie Boyd (right) have assumed the duties of ARR Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. Kaye is a Reader and Group Leader of the Hypoxia and Therapeutics Group, School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Manchester; Rhona is a Lecturer and Group Leader in the Laboratory of Genome Damage, Centre for Cell and Chromosome Biology, Division of Biosciences at Brunel University; Marie is a Reader in Translational Biology in the Experimental Targeted Radiation Therapeutics Group, Strathclyde Institute of Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences, University of Strathclyde. Both Kaye and Rhona will serve in their respective offices for two years, with Rhona then becoming Chair and Kaye moving to Past Chair. Marie will serve as Secretary for two years in the first instance.

In addition, there are several new faces joining the Committee as Ordinary Members including: Dr. Christophe Badie (Health Protection Agency, Chilton), Dr. Ester Hammond (Gray Institute for Radiation Oncology and Biology, University of Oxford), Prof. Penny Jeggo (Genome Damage and Stability Centre, University of Sussex), Dr. Eric O’Neill (Gray Institute for Radiation Oncology and Biology, University of Oxford) and Dr Guiseppe Schettino (Centre for Cancer Research & Cell Biology, Queen’s University Belfast). The new members will serve as Ordinary Members for two years in the first instance.

Departing the Committee is Dr. Mohi Rezvani who has served as Vice-Chair, Chair and finally Past Chair over the past six years; the current Committee thanks Mohi his leadership and guidance throughout his years of service to the ARR. Also departing the Committee, having completed their terms of office, are Dr. Phil Coates, Dr. Kai Rothkamm, and Dr. Catharine West; again the current Committee thanks them for their service to the Association. Furthermore, standing down as Secretary is Dr. Tracy Robson who stepped into the post following the illness and passing of the previous secretary, Mark Plumb; the current Committee would like to thank Tracy for initially taking on this difficult role, and for her years of excellent service since. Finally, standing down as Chair and moving to Past Chair, is Dr G Don Jones. The Committee would particularly like to thank Don for his huge commitment over the last few years. His sterling efforts have revitalized the ARR membership and ARR’s visibility throughout the UK and worldwide. He will be a hard act to follow!

Full contact details for the ARR’s current Officers and Ordinary Members can be found here: http://www.le.ac.uk/cm/arr/committee.html.